

## MASSEUR GETS HOOK

### Senate Will Struggle Along Without His Services.

#### BRISTOW ENTERS OBJECTION

Upper House Decides There Is No Need for Skilled Muscle Manipulator Who Was to Have Drawn a Salary of \$1,800—Party Lines Are Broken on the Vote Cast.

The Senate has decided to struggle along without the services of the professional masseur who had been installed in the luxurious bathrooms of the new marble office building for the use of Senators.

It was Senator Bristow, of Kansas, who revolted at the idea of the Senate having a trained masseur on its pay roll, and as a result of his activities the amendment incorporated by the Senate Appropriations Committee authorizing the employment of a skilled muscle manipulator, at a salary of \$1,800 a year, was stricken from the legislative, executive, and judicial bill.

Some One Needed.

The Senate has not been worked up to such an extent in a long time as it was yesterday afternoon over this question of retaining the professional rubber, who, up to this time, has been employed out of the general fund appropriated for the maintenance of the new buildings. The Senate finally decided that he should not go on its pay roll as a permanent institution.

Having given way on this important question of a masseur, the Senate was called upon to face an attack upon all the other attendants in the new office building. This attack also was led by Senator Bristow, but the Senators who like to have somebody to hand out dry bath towels and fresh cakes of soap rallied their forces and repulsed the attack by a vote of 15 to 13.

Most of the Democrats present voted against the proposition of dispensing with the services of all bath attendants, while the insurgents pretty generally lined up in favor of it. The regular Republicans were about equally divided in sentiment. On motion to dispense with the services of the professional masseur there were only two or three faint-hearted noes.

#### NORRIS RULES HOUSE.

##### Insurgent Leader's Presence in the Speaker's Chair Starts Applause.

Representative Norris, the Nebraska insurgent, who led the knock-down fight against the Cannon organization last week, presided in the House for a few minutes while it was in Committee of the Whole yesterday.

The House broke into applause when Mr. Norris took his seat, and as the news became known, members hurriedly entered the chamber to witness the spectacle of the leading insurgent wielding the gavel.

The insurgent was invited to preside by Mr. Prince, of Illinois, who was called from the chamber by a constituent.

#### BANQUET PLANS COMPLETED.

##### The National Democracy Club Announces List of Speakers.

The National Democracy Club held a meeting last night at the Riggs House, at which final arrangements were made for the Jefferson Day banquet, which is to be held at the Willard Hotel April 13. The committee reports that 400 tickets have been sold up to the present date. Plans have been made for the seating of 700 people.

Invitations have been extended to Martin Littleton, of New York, Representative-elect Eugene Poes, of Massachusetts, and Prof. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton. Among those who are to speak are Senators Hughes, of Colorado; Gore, of Oklahoma; and Shively, of Indiana; and Representatives Champ Clark, of Missouri; Rainey, of Illinois; and Clayton, of Alabama. A flash-light picture was taken of the committee in the parlor of the Riggs House at the close of the meeting.

Those on the committee are: John S. Miller, chairman; M. J. Weller, vice chairman; W. J. Foy, secretary; E. B. Tamm, treasurer; Willis J. Abbott, George A. Ames, John Doyle, Bernard G. Brown, William W. Brice, W. H. Clayton, Charles A. Douglas, Burton T. Doyle, Fred M. Fulton, Robert N. Harper, Hugh Harvey, Raymond A. Heiskell, J. N. Hodgkins, Thomas B. Kallahan, John Keady, J. Fred Kelly, R. E. Mattingly, W. C. McIntyre, William Mercer, John P. Miller, Thomas J. Moore, P. T. Moran, James L. Norris, Jr., J. J. Purcell, Andrew J. Sanford, J. S. Eash-Smith, Louis P. Sizemore, Frederick L. Siddons, Charles F. Sudwirth, Joseph J. Stuntz, John J. Walsh, Henry L. West, and R. L. Yellott.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

Representative Foster, of Vermont, was appointed chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs yesterday, to succeed the late James Brock Perkins, of New York.

The House Committee on Judiciary, at a meeting held yesterday, decided to report favorably the Steiensen resolution providing for an inquiry into the ship subsidy scandal.

Representatives of the cattle raisers of the West and Southwest have been summoned to appear next Tuesday before the Senate committee that is investigating the high cost of living.

Pay of one dollar a day for all old soldiers incapacitated in the service is provided for in a bill reported favorably from the House Committee on Military Affairs by Representative Sherman, of Ohio. The bill has been before the committee for six or seven days.

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## YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1910.

### SENATE.

The Senate met at noon. Owen urges public health department bill. Gallinger not to make objection to joint inquiry to gas company. Diverse introduces bill providing 35 per cent increase in salaries of Federal judges. Legislative bill passed. Bankhead bill for government construction of roads favorably reported. Debate suspended on railroad bill. The Senate adjourned at 2:30 o'clock.

### HOUSE.

The House met at noon. Hamilton Democratic caucus selects ticket for new Rules Committee outlined by Clark and other leaders. Norris makes humorous speech, advising Daltzell, Boutell, and other regulars of being insurgents. Railway bill reported. Near-insurgent Foster, of Vermont, given committee chairmanship of the Committee on Roads. Weeks bill creating Appalachian forest reserve to be favorably reported. The House adjourned at 4:35 o'clock.

## DEMOCRATS SELECT SLATE OF FOUR

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on this proposition on the first day of the special session of Congress, tried before the caucus convened to muster sufficient strength to beat him, but their plans were hopeless.

Minority Leader Clark and most of the other Democratic leaders who think there is a chance of the House going Democratic this fall, and who demand harmony even at the price of a fight, worked openly for Fitzgerald, whose election, although he got less than any of the four, was never in doubt.

There were 140 Democrats present at the caucus. In order to keep things running as smoothly as possible, it was agreed, upon motion of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, who heretofore has not put forth much effort as a harmonizer, that there should be no nomination, but that each member present should vote for the four members he wanted on the committee.

Champ Clark got 125 votes; Underwood, 102; Dixon, 90, and Fitzgerald, 98. Next was Slayden with 69, then Hammond with 18, and Sulzer with 5. A score or more of the faithful received complimentary votes of one and two each.

#### Sims Tries to Start Trouble.

The only member who threatened to make trouble during the evening was Thetus Willette Sims, of Linden, Tenn. As soon as the caucus was called to order he made a valiant effort to secure the immediate consideration of a resolution instructing the minority members of the Rules Committee to support any proposition to take the power of appointing committees away from the Speaker and vest it in a committee on committees.

Resolved by the Democratic members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Congress, in caucus assembled, that we hereby instruct the Democratic members of the Rules Committee selected by this caucus to support any resolution or bill seeking to take from the Speaker the power to appoint the standing committees of the House, and that they use all honorable efforts to bring about such a change in the rules as to have a committee on committees, to be elected by the House, whose duty it shall be to appoint all standing committees thereof.

#### Supported by Burleson.

Warm arguments in favor of this proposition were made by Representatives Sims, Jones, of Virginia; Bartlett, of Georgia; and Burleson, of Texas. Most of the conservative Democrats in caucus saw in this resolution an attempt to keep Mr. Fitzgerald off the Committee on Rules. He is known to be against this committee theory, and some of the radicals thought that if the minority members could be instructed in this manner prior to their selection Mr. Fitzgerald might become peevish and announce himself as not a candidate. But the attempt, if this is what it was, failed.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, made a point of order that the Sims resolution was premature, and Representative Clayton, of Alabama, in the chair, sustained him.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Sims appealed from this decision, but on being soothed by those around him and assured by the chair that he would have an opportunity to present the resolution at the proper time, he withdrew the appeal. After the names of the four members selected had been announced, Mr. Sims tried to offer his resolution then and there. But Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, was ahead of him with a motion to adjourn, which was carried, 81 to 29.

#### WOULD SOLVE HIGH PRICES.

Experts Urge House to Import African Beasts.

One means of solving the problem of food supply, as suggested to Congress, is to introduce the eland, the springbok, the trekkob, the dik-dik, the koo-doo, the giraffe, and other African animals into America.

Capt. Fritz Duquesne, a Boer; Dr. W. H. Erwin, of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture; and Maj. Burnham, who has spent years in Africa, and accompanied President Roosevelt on some of his hunts, appeared yesterday before the House Committee on Agriculture in favor of the Broussard bill, providing for the importation of wild and domestic animals into the United States.

#### Cattlemen to Take Stand.

Senator Lodge announced yesterday that the cost of living inquiry will be resumed on Monday, with cattle raisers from the West on the witness stand. The cattlemen will be asked to explain why there is a shortage in the demand for meat, and why they are selling food animals now for 25 per cent more than they did five years ago.

#### COMMISSIONERS FIND FAULT WITH REPRESENTATIVE OLCOTT'S MEASURE.

Representative Olcott's bill fixing salaries of special policemen at street railway crossings, and allowing them leave of absence and sick leave, was returned to the House District Committee yesterday by the Commissioners without recommendation.

The Commissioners say the measure provides for salaries paid regular members of the police force, which means an increase of \$4,129 in the amount charged against street railways. Aside from this, the board says, there is a material difference in the nature of the service, and also in qualifications.

#### FOSTER IS REWARDED.

Speaker Names Man Who Voted with Him as Committee Chairman.

Representative Foster, of Vermont, classed as one of the "near-insurgents," was yesterday named by Speaker Cannon to be chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Relations. In place of Representative James Breck Perkins, who died recently.

During the recent fight on the Rules Committee Mr. Foster voted with Speaker Cannon's adherents. Mr. Foster was the next man in line for the job, according to the number of his assignment on this committee, and there was speculation as to whether his insurgent leanings or his Cannon leanings would land him the job.

#### GAS INQUIRY CERTAIN.

Gallinger Not to Make Objection to House Proposal.

No objection is to be made by Senator Gallinger to a joint investigation by the Senate and House of the Washington Gaslight Company, as suggested by Chairman Smith, of the House District Committee. This statement was made yesterday by Representative Cary, who is one of the many members of Congress interested in forcing an investigation.

Mr. Cary's intention is to make the investigation as searching as possible. He is busily at work enlisting the aid of his colleagues in the House in his endeavor.

#### Commanding Two Navy Yards.

Because his commission as commandant at Washington does not expire until April 1, Rear Admiral Eugene H. C. Leutze, retired, in command of the New York Navy Yard, has found himself in the unusual predicament of being the commandant of two navy yards at the same time. Admiral Leutze took command at the New York Navy Yard last Monday, and thereby holds two commissions.

## SMART OLD AGE.

Where is the sad and wintry sage who represented dotting age, in days of long ago? We see him pictured in the books, in old arm chairs or inglenooks, and swaying to and fro. His frowning brow with age was seared, he always wore a four-foot beard, his dome of thought was bald; he looked as though he'd been on earth since this old planet had its birth; bent, tired, and harness-galled. The old man of this present day is chipper as a colt in May, and limber as a cat; he doesn't let his whiskers grow until they're dragging in the snow; he wears a nobby hat; he shows the world a jovous front; he never tries a Druid stunt—it would not work, in truth; he does not sit beside the fire, and fill the air with moanings dire for his departed youth. The old man of this modern day may spavined be, and bald or gray, but, when his friends are round, he bravely lifts his dauntless head, like any tireless thoroughbred, and snorts and paws the ground. And when it's time to say good-by, he doesn't take six months to die, or bore his weeping friends; he says: "My friends, I've played my hand with all the skill at my command, and here the session ends." This fine old man we must admire, who passes up the glowing fire, the inglenook and chair; whose heart is ever young and brave until he prances to the grave with both feet in the air.

WALT MASON.

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## NORRIS HITS AT REGULARS

He Accuses Daltzell, Boutell, and Others of Being Insurgents.

Makes Amusing Speech on Attempt to Retain Pension Agency Appropriations.

In a five-minute speech in the House yesterday, Representative Norris, the insurgent from Nebraska, read a lecture to regular Republicans that excited a great deal of merriment.

The House was considering the pension appropriation bill, which proposes to abolish all of the pension agencies in the country except the one in this city.

It so happened that many of the regulars, among them Daltzell, of Pennsylvania; Alexander, of New York; Hull, of Iowa, and others represent districts in which pension agencies are located. These regulars began an insurgent movement against this provision in the pension bill.

"The insurgent tide ebbs and flows," said Mr. Norris. "The regular to-day is the insurgent to-morrow. It is written in the creed of regularity that it is the duty of all regulars to stand by a committee of the House."

"As a regular, I am amazed at the spectacle presented here to-day. We regulars are trying to have the bill passed as it came from the committee. Obstacles have been placed in the way by dare-devil insurgents. We find Representative Currier, chairman of the Republican caucus, among the insurgents to-day. Incidentally, we learn that he has a pension agency in his district."

Another of the insurgents is Mr. Hull, of Iowa, who also has a pension agency in his district. He is usually a regular, but on this occasion he is off the reservation. Another insurgent is Alexander, and also Boutell, who only yesterday was nominated as a regular for a place on the Rules Committee.

"And there is Daltzell, one of the noblest regulars of them all, insinuating with all his might. He represents Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh wants to hold its pension agency."

Mr. Norris' little lecture brought down the House.

#### BILL NOT RECOMMENDED.

Commissioners Find Fault with Representative Olcott's Measure.

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## NOT AN OPTIMIST.

"I believe that Congress will not be ready to adjourn before June 20," said Vice President Sherman yesterday. When Mr. Sherman was told that some of the Senate leaders were holding out hope that the business before Congress might be finished up by May 15, he said that they would have to guess again.

## RAILROAD BILL IS REPORTED

Important Changes Appear in New Committee Draft.

Provides Creation of Commerce Court, and Prohibits Absorption of Competing Lines.

The House Committee on Interstate Commerce ordered favorably reported yesterday the administration railroad bill.

As the bill emerges from the House committee it will be somewhat changed from the form in which it was originally introduced by Townsend, of Michigan.

The vote on the bill in committee was finally amended and divided on strictly party lines. The bill in its original form is now pending in the Senate. It is uncertain when the bill will be taken up in the House.

"The bill speaks for itself," said Chairman Mann, of the House committee. "In addition to the creation of a commerce court, it contains some important provisions which add to the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It prohibits the absorption of one road or water line by a competing line, except when authorized by the commerce court. It forbids the issuing of stock or bonds except for legitimate purposes, and upon application to the commission."

The bill as reported by the House committee will meet many of the objections that are being urged by the insurgent Senators against the administration measure in the Senate.

An important change in the bill makes it possible for shippers to intervene in cases before the commerce court, provided the court consents. An addition to the House bill also gives the Interstate Commerce Commission authority over classifications, regulations, and other phases of railroad business. The committee broadened the provision against mergers to cover water lines, and made suburban and interurban lines subject to the anti-merger rule. The provision that a road already owning 50 per cent of a competing line should be allowed to buy the rest has been cut out by the House committee.

A new basis for regulating stock and bond issues has been incorporated in the House bill. It is proposed that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall pass upon the necessity of all future issues of railroad securities; that the amounts shall be such as the commission approves, and that their reasonable price shall be fixed or approved by the commission.

#### Anti-prize Fight Bill Dies.

Annapolis, March 24.—The bill to prohibit prize fighting in Maryland, introduced in the early part of the session by Mr. Garrett, of Montgomery, will not be reported by the house committee on judiciary, to which the bill was referred.

#### Vehicle of Fun.

After the approved fashion of comic operas and their near relatives, the musical comedies, the plot was well concealed by the authors, and only made its appearance at unexpected intervals. It mainly concerned the troubles of the Sultan of Tanjocco to retain his throne in the face of the numerous revolutions and at the same time to break up the growing affection between his daughter and a young American traveling in Tanjocco.

The part of the "favorite daughter of the Sultan" fell to Brown Ralston, president of the club, and the manner in which he acted the role of the flirtatious princess was one of the hits of the afternoon.

Possessed of physical attributes for the part, both as to face and figure, and a good singing voice and personality, he more than earned the applause that fell to him throughout the performance.

He scored especially in the songs "I Am the Sultan's Favorite Daughter," in which he interpolated an excellent burlesque of Ruth St. Denis' Hindoo dances "Hero and Leander" and "One Little Maid."

Next in importance in the "female" parts was R. G. Watson, "13, as Sissy Hillyard, the suffragette, with the song and refrain, "If You Can't Be a Lady, Be a Suffragette." The make-up and clothes of all the men cast in the female roles were excellent and deserving of praise.

#### Honor in Songs.

In the male parts were J. F. Thompson, "11, as the Sultan Murad VI; Van S. Merle-Smith, as Bob Hammond, the young American who falls in love with Marmara, and E. M. Barnhart, "12, in the comic character of Heinrich Schitta, the correspondent of the Fliegende Blätter, who supplied much fun with his two songs, "Money Makes the World Go Round" and "A-Ch! How I Love a Dreamy Waltz."

The work of the chorus, both in training and make-up, was excellent, and especially in the drill of the Sultan's soldiers.

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The free trial package will convince you. Send for it to-day. 50c a package—all drug-stores.

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## ROW OVER LAZY BUG

### Southern Senators Object to Speech by Owen.

#### EASILY CURED, HE DECLARES

Oklahoman Urges Bill for Department of Public Health—Says Disease for Which Rockefeller Has Given Millions Can Be Stopped for Less Than 50 Cents a Person.

The United States Senate got all excited yesterday about the hookworm, commonly called the lazy bug, which is supposed to be playing havoc with children in the Southern States. Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, who was making a speech in behalf of a bill he has introduced creating a Department of Public Health, started all the trouble when he gave expression to the following statement:

"I am informed by a high authority that over 90 per cent of the children of one of the Southern States are afflicted with the hookworm, a preventable disease, curable at a cost of less than 50 cents apiece, yet the disease is denied, prejudices and lack of learning standing in the way of speedy restoration of thousands, and the voice of the men who know the habits, life, history, and remedy for hookworm carries with it little power or authority to heal the unlearned patients."

Sensor Money, of Mississippi, was on his feet instantly and wanted to know the Oklahoma Senator's informant.

#### Does Not Believe Expert.

"I secured my information from an expert," replied Senator Owen. "I don't care who the expert is," said Senator Money. "I don't believe a word he says."

Sensor Johnston, of Alabama, characterized the statement as beyond belief.

Sensor Gallinger, of New Hampshire, observed that there is \$1,000,000 on tap to cure the hookworm disease. Senators Beveridge and Heyburn also took a hand. In support of his bill for the creation of a health department, Senator Owen said:

#### Prevention of Safeguards.

"The people of the United States suffer a loss of over 600,000 lives per annum. This terrible loss might be prevented by reasonable safeguards, under the co-operation of the Federal and State authorities, each within strict constitutional limits."

"Measuring the money value of an American citizen at \$1,750, this preventable loss by death is \$1,000,000,000 annually, equal to the gross income of the United States government."

"There are 3,000,000 people in the United States on the sick list from preventable causes, of whom 1,000,000 are in the working period of life; about 750,000 actual workers in an average of \$300 per annum, an approximate loss from illness of \$500,000,000; and, adding a reasonable allowance for medicine, medical attendance, special food, and care, a like sum of \$500,000,000."

#### STUDENTS SCORE HIT

Princeton Triangle Club Gives Successful Show.

#### SMART SET IN AUDIENCE

"His Honor the Sultan," Written and Produced by Collegians, Proves Good Vehicle for Entertainment—Applause Greets Every Number—Humor in Songs.

Before one of the largest and most fashionable audiences of the season, composed mainly of friends and relatives, the Princeton Triangle Club gave its latest musical comedy, "His Honor the Sultan," at the Belasco yesterday afternoon.

The theater was decorated with the college colors and banners, and presented a gay appearance.

"His Honor the Sultan" is the work of Cyrus McCormick, "12; H. P. Nevins, "13, and F. Thompson, "11, two of whom appeared in the cast of characters. It made little pretension to being anything more than a vehicle for entertainment, but that it succeeded in its purpose was evident from the hearty applause that greeted nearly every number.

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